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The following items are enclosed herewith:

- A request for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for two months.
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